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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESSON ALLON'S WASHINGTON VISIT

1. ALL ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS FORTNPAGE ALLON'S TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SPECULATE ON OUTCOME. EVENING NEWSPAPERS FRONTPAGE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS MADE AT DINNER IN HONOR OF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. HAARETZ (MARGALIT) QUOTES WASHINGTON OBSERVERS AS SAYING "THAT THE IMPORTANT TEST FOR ALLON WILL BE THE MEASURE OF HIS SUCCESS IN OBTAINING NOW A CONCRETE U.S. COMMITMENT OVER AND BEYOND THE EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS IN GENERAL TO SUPPLY ISRAEL'S NEEDS FOR MILITARY HARDWARE. HOWEVER, IN HIS TALKS WITH HIS ADVISORS ALLON SAID THAT HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. IS NOT INTENDED TO CONCLUDE SUBJECTS IN A FINAL MANNER. "APPEARING AT THE EMBASSY, ALLON SAID THAT SO FAR ABOUT 200,000 EGYPTIANS CIVILIANS HAVE RETURNED TO THE CANAL REGION. THE RATE IS SLOW BUT SATIS-

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FACTORY...ALLON EXPRESSED THE SUSPICION THAT EGYPT WILL

EXPLOIT THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL IN ORDER TO DEMAND A FULL WITHDRAWAL. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR ISRAEL AS A WHOLE, SINCE IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GALILEE, AND THE SYRIANS, MORE THAN THE EGYPTIANS, WILL INTENSIFY THEIR PRESSURE FOR WITHDRAWAL THE CLOSER WE COME TO THE DATE WHEN THE MANDATE OF THE U.S. FORCE ENDS. THESE ARE FATEFUL DATES ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT INFLUENCE ISRAEL'S READINESS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS...ALLON ADDED THAT THE SYRIANS HAVE SO FAR DONE NOTHING TO REHABILITATE KUNEITRA AND THE VILLAGES IN THE SALIENT, AND THIS IS A SIGN WHICH MUST CAUSE CONCERN". ALLON ADDED THAT HE PREFERRED THAT NEXT STAGE IN GENEVA OR ANYWHERE ELSE SHOULD START AFTER OPENING OF CANAL FOR NAVIGATION."

3. DAVAR(BARNEA) REPORTS THAT IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON ISRAELI-JORDANIAN NEGOTIATIONS, ALLON SAID "JORDAN HAS NEVER BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE FRAMEWORK OF TALKS AND IT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED YET WHETHER THE NEXT STAGE OF TALKS WOULD BE WITH JORDAN OR WITH EGYPT."

4. YEDIOT(KIVIT) REPORTS THAT "SEVERAL POINTS WERE FORMULATED IN YESTERDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN ALLON AND KISSINGER..." THE POINTS ARE: "SECRETARY OF STATE WILL GIVE FULL BACKING TO ISRAEL'S REQUESTS FOR ECONOMIC AID AND MODERN MILITARY EQUIPMENT...; WARLIKE STATEMENTS MADE BY EGYPT AND SYRIA ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY THE AMERICANS BUT THEY (THE AMERICANS) ARE NOT ASKED BY ISRAEL TO TAKE DIPLOMATIC ACTION TO REMOVE DANGER OF WAR RESUMPTION; ISRAEL WILL DEMONSTRATE GREAT FLEXIBILITY REGARDING CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, PROVIDED THERE EXISTS A MEANINGFUL BASIS FOR ACHIEVING REAL PROGRESS..."

5. YEDIOT ADDS THAT DISCUSSION BETWEEN ALLON AND KISSINGER WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN SECTIONS: THE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS NEXT STAGE. REGARDING ISRAELI MILITARY AND ECONOMIC NEEDS. "ALLON FOUND NOT ONLY FULL UNDERSTANDING BUT ALSO FULL AGREEMENT BY KISSINGER WHO MAINTAINS..THAT A STRONG ISRAEL

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IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN A PEACE DIALOGUE..." ON FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS," ALLON DID NOT INSIST THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HELD WITH EGYPT..JORDAN IS NOT EXCLUDED...THE AMERICANS ADOPT THE SAME APPROACH..." RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT THAT THE AMERICANS, SO FAR, "HAVE SHOWN NO PREFERENCE REGARDING THE COUNTRY WITH WHICH ISRAEL SHOULD NEGOTIATE NEXT..." SOURCES ADD THAT "PALESTINIAN IDENTITY PROBLEM WAS TO DISCUSSED..."

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